

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a composition for coating optical fibers that includes an oligomeric component present in an amount of about 15 weight percent or less and a monomeric component present in an amount of about 75 weight percent or more, where the cured product of the composition has a Young's modulus of at least about 650 MPa. When the composition is substantially devoid of the oligomeric component, the monomeric component preferably includes two or more monomers. Also disclosed are the cured products of the compositions of the present invention, optical fibers that contain secondary coatings prepared from the compositions of the present invention, methods of making such optical fibers, as well as fiber optic ribbons containing a matrix prepared from the compositions of the present invention. The invention further relates to a composition for coating optical fibers that includes an oligomeric component present in an amount of more than about 15 weight percent and a monomeric component present in an amount of less than about 82 weight percent, where the cured product of the composition has a Young's modulus of at least about 900 MPa.